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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English document is provided in the English abstracts attached to those documents, and comments provided below concerning each of the documents.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 2000-112688 relates to color/black-and-white determination performed in increments of pages for a job wherein both color pages and black-and-white pages exist, and color pages are output from a color image formation apparatus while black-and-white pages are output from a black-and-white image formation apparatus.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 2000-112702 relates to color/black-and-white determination performed in increments of pages for a job wherein both color pages and black-and-white pages exist, and the pages are mixed and output so that the pages return to the predetermined page order upon separating the pages and forming color and black-and-white images.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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